

January 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S399.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas J. Vilsack, to be Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Harkin and Grassley, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa P. Jackson, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, and Nancy Helen Sutley, to be Chairman of the Council

on Environmental Quality, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director, who was introduced by Representatives John Spratt and Paul Ryan, and Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director, who was introduced by Representative David Obey, both of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric K. Shinseki, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye and former Senator Robert J. Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 54 public bills, H.R. 493–546; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21, and H. Res. 59–61, 63–65, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 62, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program (H. Rept. 111–3).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

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**Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global

Warming: Representative Markey (MA), Chairman and Representative Sensenbrenner.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 59, electing the following minority member to a standing committee: Committee on Rules: Representative Foxx.

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**Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 2, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 139 noes, Roll No. 16.

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Rejected the Deal (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 247 nays, Roll No. 15.

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H. Res. 52, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 14, after agreeing without objection to order the previous question.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

*Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require each standing committee to hold periodic hearings on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in Government programs which that committee may authorize:* H. Res. 40, amended, to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to require each standing committee to hold periodic hearings on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in Government programs which that committee may authorize, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 18. **Pages H268–73, H281**

**TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009:** The House began consideration of H.R. 384, to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H282–90, H290–99**

H. Res. 53, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 17, after agreeing without objection to order the previous question.

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**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Res. 61, to provide for the attendance of the House at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States. **Page H290**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H199.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 60 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H321**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-a-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H216, H266–67, H267–68, H280–81, and H281. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Met for organizational purposes.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Met for organizational purposes.

### TARP REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 384, the TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009, under a structured rule. No further general debate

shall be in order. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the Committee report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides a motion to proceed under section 115 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act if offered by the Majority Leader or his designee which may be offered not later than the legislative day of January 22, 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Speier, Jackson-Lee (TX), Kaptur, Corrine Brown (FL), Hinchey, Kennedy, Welch, Neugebauer, Gohmert, Dent, and Bilirakis.

### SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY

*Committee on Small Business:* Met with non-governmental persons to discuss the State of the Small Business Economy and Identifying Policies to Promote an Economic Recovery.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Met for organizational purposes.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Lynn III, to be Deputy Secretary, Robert F. Hale, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Michele Flournoy, to be Under Secretary for Policy, and Jeh Charles Johnson, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Schapiro, of New York, to be Chairman of the Securities